



CHINA'S WILDLIFE ENFORCEMENT NEWS DIGEST

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Xiamen Customs Detected a Cactus from Brazilian in an Inbound Mail



News Release Date: 3 October 2020

Seizure Date: 28 August 2020

Law enforcement authority: Xiamen Postal Customs, Fujian Province

Location: Xiamen Postal Office, Fujian Province

Detection method: Routine Inspection

Species: One *Discocactus* spp.

Way of Transport: Inbound mail

Reason for seizure: Smuggling

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Wuxi Customs Seized Products made by Boa Python Skin and Crocodile Skin from an Air Passenger



News Release Date: 3 October 2020

Seizure Date: 3 September 2020

Law enforcement authority: Wuxi Airport Customs, Jiangsu Province

Location: Wuxi Airport, Jiangsu Province

Detection method: None

Species: one belt suspected made of crocodile skin and one bag suspected made of boa python skin

Way of Transport: Carried by Passenger

Reason for seizure: Smuggling

Number of offenders: One

Nationality: Chinese

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Xiamen Airport Customs Seized 80 ocellate river stingrays



News Release Date: 3 October 2020
Law enforcement authority: Jinan Postal Customs, Shandong Province
Location: Jinan Mail Center, Shandong Province
Detection method: Machine Inspection
Species: 80 ocellate river stingrays (*Potamotrygon motoro*)
Reason for seizure: Smuggling
Case progress: Legally detained

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Friendship Port (in Guangxi Province) Customs found one man trafficking Bear Bile



News Release Date: 4 October 2020
Seizure Date: 23 August 2020
Law enforcement authority: Friendship Port Customs of Nanning Customs, Guangxi Province
Location: Former Freight Channel of Puzhai Border Trade Zone, Chongzuo, Guangxi Province
Detection method: Border Patrol
Species: 300 bottles of Bear Bile liquid, labeled 300ml per bottle
Way of Transport: Foreigner delivered the bag over the fence of land border
Reason for seizure: Smuggling
Number of offenders: One
Case progress: Transferred to relevant department for further investigation

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Jinan Postal Customs Seized One Product of Red Coral in an Inbound Mail



News Release Date: 4 October 2020

Seizure Date: 13 August 2020

Law enforcement authority: Jinan Postal Customs, Shandong Province

Location: Jinan Mail Center, Shandong Province

Detection method: Machine Inspection (abnormal image)

Species: One red coral product, weight 5g

Way of Transport: Inbound mail

Country of Export: Japan

Reason for seizure: Smuggling

Case progress: detained by law

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Changle Airport Customs Detected an Ivory Product on Passenger



News Release Date: 5 October 2020

Seizure Date: 13 September 2020

Law enforcement authority: Changle Airport Customs, Fuzhou, Fujian Province

Location: Fuzhou Changle Airport, Fujian Province

Species: One ivory necklace, weight 67.4g

Way of Transport: Carried by Air Passenger

Reason for seizure: Smuggling

Number of offenders: One

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Shanghai Postal Customs Seized 27 Ivory Products in an Importing Postal Parcel



News Release Date: 5 October 2020
Seizure Date: 1 September 2020
Law enforcement authority: Shanghai Postal Customs
Location: Shanghai Mail Center
Detection method: Machine Inspection (X-ray)
Species: 27 ivory products, weight 163 g
Way of Transport: inbound mail (claimed as "clothes, learning material")
Reason for seizure: Smuggling
Case progress: Item detained, waiting for further identification

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Guangzhou Customs Seized One Ivory Product in an Inbound Mail



News Release Date: 5 October 2020
Seizure Date: 13 August 2020
Law enforcement authority: Guangzhou Postal Customs, Guangdong Province
Location: Yantai Port, Shandong Province
Detection method: Machine Inspection (image including some suspected images, suspect to concealment)
Species: One ivory product, weight 29 g.
Way of Transport: In Importing Mail (claimed as "ring, resin jade")
Reason for seizure: Smuggling

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Xiamen Airport Customs Seized Two Ivory Products



News Release Date: 5 October 2020

Seizure Date: 9 September 2020

Law enforcement authority: Xiamen Airport Customs, Xiamen, Fujian Province

Location: Xiamen Airport, Fujian Province

Species: One ivory necklace and One bracelet, total 175.4 g

Way of Transport: Carried by Inbound Air Passenger

Country of Export: Phnom Penh, Myanmar (Flight MF 8692)

Reason for seizure: Smuggling

Number of offenders: One

Case progress: Transferred to subsequent department.

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Yantai Customs Seized Three Ivory Products in luggage of A Crew Member



News Release Date: 5 October 2020

Seizure Date: 27 August 2020

Law enforcement authority: Shandong Yantai Customs

Location: Yantai Port, Shandong Province

Detection method: Machine Inspection (abnormal image)

Species: Two ivory bracelets, One ivory bangle, total 200 g

Way of Transport: Hidden in luggage of an exchange crew member from international cargo ship

Reason for seizure: Smuggling

Number of offenders: One

Case progress: Item detained, waiting for further identification.

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Jinan Postal Customs Seized One Ivory Product in an Inbound Postal Parcel



News Release Date: 5 October 2020

Seizure Date: 9 September 2020

Law enforcement authority: Jinan Postal Customs, Jinan, Shandong Province

Location: Jinan Mail Center, Shandong Province

Detection method: CT AI Image Inspection System (abnormal image)

Species: One ivory product, weight 30 g

Way of Transport: inbound mail

Country of Export: Germany

Reason for seizure: Smuggling

Case progress: Item detained, waiting for further proceeding

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Hainan Police Cracked Down on a Major Case of Illegal purchase, transportation and selling of Endangered Species and Their Products



News Release Date: 13 October 2020

Seizure Date: 2 July to 9 September 2020

Law enforcement authority: Hainan Police

Location: 5 criminal dens in Qionghai, Wanning in Hainan Province

Detection method: Case clue development

Species: 981 wildlife and products including live Boa python, Pangolin Specimen, common water monitor (*salvator*) specimen, Nautilus (*Nautiloidea*), Giant Clam (*Tridacna gigas*); 210 live sea turtles and specimen; *Hexacorallia* and *Heliopora coerulea* products over 2000 kg; and 770 pieces of mammoth ivory and shark specimen.

Way of Transport: Long-distance logistics and express delivery (Sold in physical store)

Reason for seizure: Illegal Trade

Estimated value: CNY 3.3 million

Number of offenders: 15

Nationality: Chinese

Case progress: 15 criminals arrested

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Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs Uncovered Four Illegal Trafficking Cases of Ivory Products



News Release Date: 14 October 2020
Seizure Date: 7 October 2020
Law enforcement authority: Customs of Guangzhou Baiyun Airport, Guangdong Province
Location: Guangzhou Baiyun Airport, Guangdong Province
Detection method: Routine inspection (x-ray)
Species: 18 pieces of ivory bracelets and chopsticks, total weight 620g (four cases)
Way of Transport: check-in luggage, concealed by tissue and in milk powder can
Country of Export: France
Reason for seizure: Smuggling

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Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs Uncovered a Smuggling Case of Ivory Products



News Release Date: 14 October 2020
Seizure Date: 10 October 2020
Law enforcement authority: Customs of Guangzhou Baiyun Airport, Guangdong Province
Location: Guangzhou Baiyun Airport, Guangdong Province
Detection method: Routine inspection (X-ray)
Species: Seven pieces of Ivory Products, total weight 209g
Way of Transport: Hidden in the compartment of a luggage and under the passenger's clothes.
Country of Export: Kenya (Nairobi)
Reason for seizure: Smuggling
Number of offenders: One

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Manzhouli Customs Cracked down on a Smuggling case of Dried Sea Cucumber, Jade and Tobacco



News Release Date: 19 October 2020
Law enforcement authority: Shibali Customs of Manzhouli Customs, Inner Mongolia
Location: Freight channel of Road Port in Manzhouli, Inner Mongolia
Detection method: X-ray (image did not match with the claim of empty vehicle.)
Species: Dried Sea Cucumber 405.6 kg (and other items including jade 92.12 kg, 175 cartons of electronic cigarette.)
Way of Transport: In Inbound Truck.
Reason for seizure: Smuggling
Estimated value: ~CNY 1.5 million (in total)

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Dalian Postal Customs Unearthed A smuggling case of Endangered Species Products



News Release Date: 19 October 2020
Law enforcement authority: Dalian Postal Customs
Location: Dalian Mail Center, Liaoning Province
Detection method: Routine inspection
Species: *Cetacea* teeth 203g, wildlife bones of *antipathes sp* 149g, hippo teeth 53g, total weight 405g
Way of Transport: In inbound postal parcel, claimed as "PVC, carving material".
Reason for seizure: Smuggling

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Shenzhen Postal Customs Seized 148 Pieces of Boa Python Skin in a Transit Postal Parcel



News Release Date: 25 October 2020
Seizure Date: 23 October 2020
Law enforcement authority: Shenzhen Postal Customs, Guangdong Province
Location: Shenzhen Postal Office, Guangdong Province
Detection method: Customs Inspection
Species: 148 pieces of Boa Python Skin
Way of Transport: Transit Express
Reason for seizure: Smuggling

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Baiyun Airport Customs Detected Five Clams in Passenger Luggage



News Release Date: 25 October 2020
Seizure Date: 10 October 2020
Law enforcement authority: Baiyun Airport Customs, Guangzhou, Guangdong Province
Location: Travel inspection channel of Guangzhou Baiyun Airport, Guangdong Province
Detection method: X-ray inspection
Species: Five clams of *Tridacnidae* spp. (not giant clam (*Tridacna gigas*)), total weight 1.2 kg
Way of Transport: Passenger Luggage
Reason for seizure: Smuggling

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Baiyun Airport Customs Uncovered a Gecko Products Smuggling Case



News Release Date: 26 October 2020

Law enforcement authority: Baiyun Airport Customs, Guangzhou, Guangdong Province

Location: Airport travel inspection channel of Guangzhou Baiyun Airport, Guangdong Province

Detection method: Routine Inspection (X-ray), Stopped passenger in non-declaration channel

Species: 12 bags of cut dried *Gekko gekko* products, two pieces of whole dried *Gekko gekko*, total weight 585g

Way of Transport: Check-in luggage compartment

Reason for seizure: Smuggling

Number of offenders: One

Case progress: Parcel detained for further proceeding.

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Ningbo Customs Detected three Animal Teeth in a Parcel



News Release Date: 28 October 2002

Law enforcement authority: Ningbo Customs, Zhejiang Province

Location: Ningbo Postal Office, Zhejiang Province

Detection method: Intelligence

Species: three animal teeth, including two tiger teeth

Way of Transport: Mail Parcel

Reason for seizure: Smuggling

Number of offenders: One

Case progress: criminal detention.

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Dachan Customs Took Anti-Smuggling Action on Sea



News Release Date: 30 October 2020

Seizure Date: 21 October 2020

Law enforcement authority: Anti-Smuggling Bureau of Dachan Customs, Guangzhou, Guangdong Province

Location: A non-customs port near Mawan, Shenzhen

Detection method: Intelligence from Public Tip-off

Species: 312 kg of fish maw, 71 kg of dried sea cucumber and other non-wildlife contraband goods

Way of Transport: Speedboat

Reason for seizure: Smuggling

Estimated value: Around CNY1.2 million in total

Case progress: Further investigation.

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Huanggang Postal Customs Detected One Piece of Red Coral Product in a Postal Parcel



News Release Date: 2 November 12, 2020

Seizure Date: 29 October 2020

Law enforcement authority: Huanggang Customs of Shenzhen Customs, Guangdong Province

Location: Freight outbound channel

Detection method: Machine Inspection, X-ray (image did not match with claimed item)

Species: One Red Coral (*Corallium rubrum*) Product, weight 1.6kg.

Way of Transport: Transit Express (Claimed as "Glass Product")

Reason for seizure: Smuggling

Estimated value: Around CNY600,000

Case progress: Case transferred to Anti-Smuggling Bureau

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Police of Puge County Uncovered a Series of Major Wildlife Resources Destruction Cases



News Release Date: 15 October 2020

Seizure Date: 2019

Law enforcement authority: Forest Police of Puge County, Liangshan, Sichuan Province (current Forest Police Brigade of Police Bureau of Puge County).

Location: Several Provinces including Yunan, Guizhou, Guangdong, Fujian, Hunan and Guangxi.

Detection method: Case Clue Development

Species: Live animals including Foral (*Naemorhedus*), Lady Amherst's Pheasant (*Chrysolophus amherstiae*), Temminck's tragopan (*Tragopan temminckii*), Masked Palm Civet (*Paguma larvata*), Bornean Red Muntjac (*Muntiacus muntjak*), 25 wild animal carcasses, 117 wildlife products. Also confiscated wildlife products including saiga horn, rhino horn, pangolin scale, elephant skin, musk and etc.

Way of Transport: Personal vehicle

Reason for seizure: Illegal Hunting and Trade

Number of offenders: 54

Case progress: Sentenced (37 defendants were sentenced from 5-13 years with penalties, 30 were charged of public compensation with ~CNY450,000)

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Xinhui Police Cracked Down a Case of Illegal Hunting Wild Birds



News Release Date: 20 October 2020

Law enforcement authority: Xinhui Police, Jiangmen, Guangdong Province

Location: Shakou area of Yinzhou Lake

Detection method: Tip-off

Species: One Little Egret (*Egretta garzetta*), one animal carcass of suspected second-class national protected eagle, 7 carcasses of Black-crowned Night-heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax*) and other bird carcasses

Reason for seizure: Illegal hunting and Trade

Estimated value: around CNY15,000 CNY

Number of offenders: Three

Case progress: Three offenders were under criminal detention and the case is under further investigation.

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Hong Kong SAR

Hong Kong Customs detected the largest Red Sandalwood Smuggling case this year



Hong Kong Customs yesterday (October 15) seized about 9,710 kilograms of suspected red sandalwood from a container at the Tsing Yi Cargo Examination Compound. The estimated market value of the seizure was about \$6 million. This is the largest red sandalwood smuggling case detected by Customs this year.

Through risk assessment, Customs officers selected and inspected a transshipment container arriving from the United Arab Emirates and destined for the Mainland of China via Hong Kong. Upon inspection, Customs officers found the batch of suspected red sandalwood inside the container.

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Cameroon

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Kenya

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South Africa

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- [Two arrested in Pretoria CBD for allegedly trying to sell pangolin for R350 000](#)
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- [Six arrested for rhino and elephant poaching in Namibia](#)

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